arrested and two kilograms of RDX, one kilogram of PETN Explosive and ten Detonators were seized from them. In the second case registered in September, 1998, three persons were arrested and two kilograms each of RDX and PETN Explosive were recovered from them.

The steps taken in this regard by Government, *inter alia*, include intensifiction of patrolling especially from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.; surveillance over the activities of known criminals; improved intelligence gathering; raid over the places of ill repute and suspected hideouts of criminals; high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas; and constitution of a regional coordination group comprising police officers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to exchange information about the criminals.

Report of the National Police Commission

1153. SHRI KARMENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the official Sub-Committee set up to study the recommendations of the National Police Commission for police in the country has submitted its report;

(b) whether these recommendations have been examined by Government;

(c) if so, the recommendations which have not been accepted by Government and the reasons therfor; and

(d) whether a copy each of the reports of the National Police Commission and also of the Sub-Committee would be laid on the Table on the House?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court dated the 20th July, 1998, the Committee constituted by the Government submitted its first Report which has been sent for being filed in the Supreme Court as directed by it.

Shortage of Funds for Anti-Militancy Operations

1154. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Shortage of funds hampering antimilitancy operations" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated November 9, 1998;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of paramilitary forces deployed by his Ministry in Jammu and Kashmir and the expenditure incurred by the Centre and State Government of Jammu and Kashmir separately on such deployment;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have not reimbursed the State Government for the migrant employees' salaries and other dues; if so, whether any agreement was reached on that before; and

(e) whether Government propose to waive loans to Jammu and Kashmir as was done in the case of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the media reports in this regard. It is not true that shortage of funds is hampening anti-militancy operations in J & K. In fact, the Central Government had reimbursed and is reibursing, as Security Related Expenditure, quite a substential amount to J & K Government, in its efforts to fight against the militancy, in addition to amounts being spent directly on Central Paramilitary Forces and Army deployment in anti-terrorist operations in J & K.

(c) Deployment of Central Paramilitary Forces depend upon their availability and the over all secutity scenario. CPMFs have been made available to the State of J & K, keeping these factors in view. It would not be in

the public interest to indicate the details about their deployment and expenditure on such deployment.

(d) Yes Sir, the expenditure incurred by State Government for migrant employees salaries has not been reimbursed as Security Related Expenditure (SRE) since it has not been part of the parameters approved for reimbursement of SRE.

(e) The loans waived in respect of Punjab pertained only to 100% Special Plan loans given to the State to fight militancy during that period. In the case of J&K, no assistance has been provided as 100% loans. Hence waiver in case of Punjab is not comparable to that of Jammu and Kashmir.

Killing of Farmers in Police Firing in Karnataka

1155. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recent killings of farmers in police firing at Sira, Karnataka; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government of Karnataka has blamed anti-farmer polices of Government behind such killings;

(c) the precise reasons in this regard; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to compensate the farming community in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Special grants for Fighting Insurgency

1156. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Government had last year and early this year requested Government that special grants be made to it to meet ssecurity-related expenditure for fighting insurgency in Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Government had also demanded that its security-related expenditure should be reimbursed to it by Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Government of India has reimbursed Rs. 131.91 crores to the Government of Assam as security related Expenditure for the years 1990—95. The Government has also agreed to reimburse security related Expenditure *w.e.f.* 1.4.95. Incurred by Assam as per approved guidelines.

Lock-up Deaths in Delhi

1157. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lock-up deaths in different police stations in Delhi during the last seven months;

(b) whether the causes of such deaths were looked into;

(c) if so, the details of the findings of inquiries; and

(d) the action taken against the police personnel found responsible for causing lock upo deaths?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) During the last seven months (May—November, 1998), there was only one incident in which a person arrested by Delhi Police, after he was beaten by members of public on the suspicion that he was a thief, reportedly complained of uneasiness and was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

(b) to (d) The case is under investigation at present.